

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the originally-filed Abstract of the Disclosure, and add the accompanying new Abstract of the Disclosure which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Some embodiments of a method according to the present invention will be described in detail with reference to the accompanying drawings, In the drawings:

Fig. 1 shows a schematic view of a hydrocarbon production and/or processing vessel for carrying out the method of the present invention;

Figs. 2-4 show the sequence of horizontal extension of a riser, hook-up of the riser to a sub sea wellhead and connection to the vessel;

Figs. 5-8 show another method of riser installations according to the present invention;

Fig. 9 shows an alternative method of riser installations according to the present invention employing a work vessel;

Fig. 10 shows an embodiment of a vessel and a lifting device for carrying out the method of the present invention;

Figs 11-13 show a detailed view of the lifting device of Fig. 10;

Figs. 14-15 show a riser configuration installed by the method of the present invention;

Figs. 16-17 show a vessel having a turret moored configuration carrying risers that have been installed according to the present invention;

Fig. 18 shows a spread-moored anchoring configuration of a vessel carrying risers according to the present invention;

Figs. 19-22 show a schematic view of a further embodiment of a method according to the invention;

Fig. 23 shows an embodiment of the method using a separate working vessel;

Figs. 24-30 show a riser installation method using a separate work vessel; and

Fig. [[30]] 31 shows a method of obtaining a J-configuration of the riser using a work vessel.--